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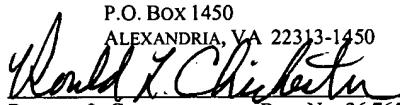
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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111 TO  
NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION, MAILED JUNE 17, 2004**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 17, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit the following remarks set forth below and request favorable action thereon. The claims are formatted and presented in accordance with the Revised Format for Amendments promulgated earlier in 2003 by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply is due September 17, 2004, this Response is therefore considered timely filed.

**AMENDMENTS**

The Claims are reflected in the "Pending Claims and Status Thereof" which begins on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this Response.